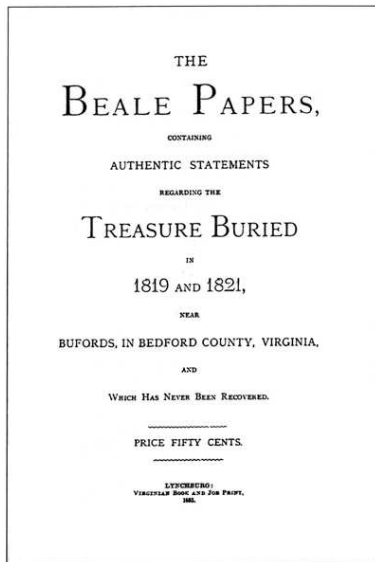


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- If the Declaration of Independence is used as a key for the first cipher, it yields non-random results, such as the sequence abfdefghijklmmnohpp. The chances of such sequences appearing multiple times in the one ciphertext by chance are less than one in a hundred million million.

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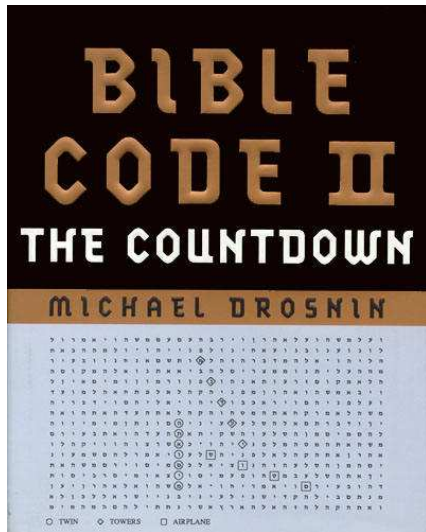
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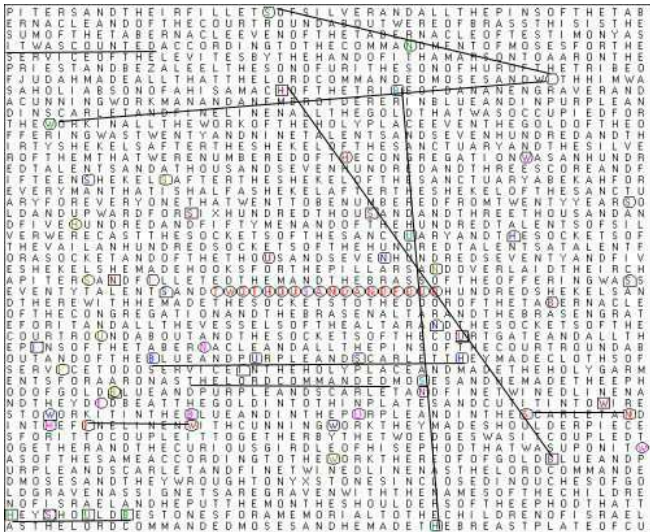
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- ☐ airplane
- ☐ terror
- ☒ shahid (martyr)
- ☐ twofold
- ☐ strikes
- ☐ will collapse
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